

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The State of South Dakota, in its 114 years, has served a statewide purpose dedicated to the social, physical, intellectual, and emotional growth in the development of special education children of South Dakota and assisting them in developing to their maximum potentials as positive and productive American citizens; and,

*Whereas*, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and Early Identification & Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities offer abundant opportunities to provide individualized services for all children with disabilities; and,

*Whereas*, The National Association of the Deaf and the Communication Service for the Deaf, in collaboration and partnership with American Society for Deaf Children, Conference of American Instructors for the Deaf, Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools & Programs for the Deaf, Doorways, Gallaudet University, National Black Deaf Advocates, National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, Pre-College National Mission Programs, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, South Dakota School for the Deaf, Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc., and USA Deaf Sports Federation will sponsor the National Symposium on Childhood Deafness, October 19-22, 2003, with "The Roads to Literacy for Deaf Children, Utilizing Collaboration and Partnership" as its theme; and,

*Whereas*, Representatives of the organizations of, for, and by the deaf, along with students, parents, relatives, and friends of deaf and hard of hearing people, professionals, support service specialists, legislators, lawmakers, and special education leaders from across the nation have been invited to attend the symposium in the city of Sioux Falls; and,

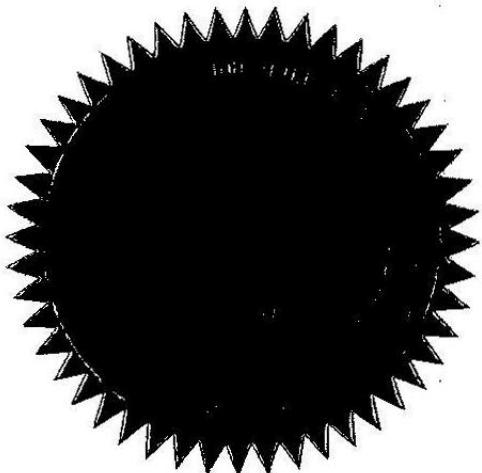
*Whereas*, The city of Sioux Falls offers a cordial welcome and best wishes to all the participants for a state-of-the-art meeting, and salutes the nation's special education leaders for their compassion and commitment to quality education for all deaf and hard of hearing children:

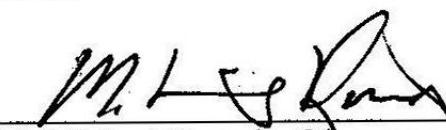
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2003, as

## ***NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS WEEK***

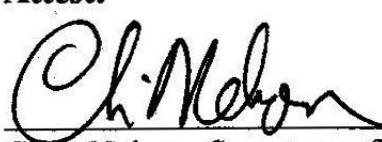
in South Dakota, and I invite all our citizens to observe this occasion.

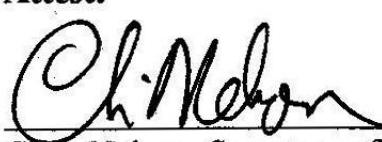
*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State